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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: EAIR, NI

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM SCHEDULES

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- 1. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (FMG) INTENTIONS REGARDING PAN AM PLANS TO OPEN 4TH FLIGHT FREQUENCY TO LAGOS. RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL CIVAIR MIN., PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, T. ADEGBENRO IS OUT OF TOWN UNTIL WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28.
- 2. IN PRINCIPAL SECRETARY'S ABSENCE, EMBOFF CALLED ON ADEGBENRO'S PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT M.F. AJAYI. ASKED ABOUT CIVAIR'S LETTER TO PAN AM, NOTED PARA 2 REFTEL, AJAYI SAID THIS WAS THE MINISTRY'S ROUTINE RESPONSE. HE SAID THAT CIVAIR ALSO HAD NOTED THE DESIRE OF PAN AM TO HAVE 3RD FLIGHT FREQUENCIES IN DECEMBER USING WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT. BOTH PLANS OF PAN AM WERE NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY NIGERIA AIRWAYS COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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3. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS UNNECESSARY. BY TERMS OF OUR BILATERAL AVIATION AGREEMENT, THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS CANNOT TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION TO DETERMINE FREQUENCIES. AJAYI AGREED THAT FMG SHOULD NOT TAKE UOTICNOEREL ACTION BECAUSE QUTTE WE MUST FOLLOW OUR AGRREEMENTS UNQUOTE.

4. COMMENT: TERMS OF BILATERAL AVIATION AGREEMENT ARE UNIQUE HERE. IN 30 OR SO OTHER AGREEMENTS, NIGERIA HAS CAREFULLY SET OUT ALL THE TERMS WHICH GOVERN AIRCRAFT OPERATION BETWEEN THE SIGNATORIES, INCLUDING FREQUENCIES. IN U.S. CASE, NEGOTIATING TEAM, HEADED BY ADEGBENRO, AGREED TO MARKET DETERMINATION OF FREQUENCIES BUT PROBABLY DID NOT COMMUNICATE THIS CHANGE IN PROCEDURE TO THE CLERKS OF THE MINISTRY. WE BELIEVE THAT ADEGBENRO, WHEN HE RETURNS ON JUNE 28, WILL RECOGNIZE THIS FACE(;

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